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**Bennington,
New Hampshire**

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

John P. Weston

Term expires March 1958

SELECTMEN

Ernest D. Hutchinson
Frederick S. Sheldon
Charles E. Lindsay

Term expires March 1958
Term expires March 1959
Term expires March 1960

TOWN CLERK

Donald A. Powers

Term expires March 1958

TOWN TREASURER

Arthur F. Bell

Term expires March 1958

ROAD AGENT

Herbert A. Curtis

Term expires March 1958

TAX COLLECTOR

Dorine B. Bullock
Edward French

Resigned January 1, 1958
Term expires March 1958

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mary D. Shea
Ruth A. Cody
Philip E. Knowles

Term expires March 1958
Term expires March 1959
Term expires March 1960

COMMISSIONERS OF WATER WORKS

Philip E. Knowles
John D. Armstrong
Edward French

Term expires March 1958
Term expires March 1959
Term expires March 1960

FIRE WARDENS

Paul G. Traxler, Chief
George Gray
Ivon W. Clough

Term expires March 1958
Term expires March 1958
Term expires March 1958

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Herbert A. Curtis

Term expires Jan. 1, 1959

DEPUTY WARDENS

Pearl J. Warren
Lawrence Newhall
Edward French
George Gray

Term expires Jan. 1, 1959
Term expires Jan. 1, 1959
Term expires Jan. 1, 1959
Term expires Jan. 1, 1959

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Edward French	Term expires March 1958
Philip E. Knowles	Term expires March 1958
Paul G. Traxler	Term expires March 1958

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

John P. Weston	Term expires March 1958
Frederick S. Sheldon	Term expires March 1959
Philip E. Knowles	Term expires March 1960

OVERSEER OF POOR

Alfred S. Chase	Term expires March 1958
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JANITOR, TOWN HALL

Paul G. Traxler	Term expires March 1958
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SEXTON

Fred Hugron	Term expires March 1958
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CONSTABLE

Olen E. Newhall	Term expires March 1958
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CHIEF OF POLICE

Olen E. Newhall	Term expires March 1958
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SPECIAL POLICE

Frederick E. Hugron	Term expires March 1958
Eileen Newhall	Term expires March 1958

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Georgietta Bryer and Selectmen	
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SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Open for appointment	
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Open for appointment	
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DOG CONSTABLE

Fred Hugron	
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TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.
3. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V roads and raise and appropriate money for the same. The town must raise \$247.86 and the state will contribute \$1,652.39.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes.
5. To see what action the Town will take in regard to real estate taken over by the town for non-payment of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 for tarring.
7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the use of the Road Agent to repair the broken culvert at the foot of Main Street opposite Sunnyside Cemetery.
8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Old Home Day and raise and appropriate money for the same.
9. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Memorial Day and raise and appropriate money for the same.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144.00 (1/100th of 1% of Town valuation) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern N. H. for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Region.
11. To see what action the Town will take in regard to buying a new highway truck and raise and appropriate money for the same. It is the opinion of the Selectmen that in the best interests of economy the present truck should be used barring any major

breakdown. The Selectmen recommend that a committee of four be elected to serve with the Selectmen and said committee of seven be authorized to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$6,500.00 for the purchase of a new truck if in their opinion it becomes necessary before next Town Meeting.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to augment the amount already appropriated for the purpose of repairing the engine hall doors and necessary cement work.

13. To hear the report of the committee for the purpose of erecting a permanent Honor Roll and raise and appropriate money for the same.

14. To hear the report of the committee for the purpose of repairing the Town Hall heating system, their recommendations as to additional repairs to the Town Hall, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

15. To see what action the Town will take in regard to buying 12 rubber coats, hats, and boots for the fire department and raise and appropriate money for the same.

16. To see if the Town will raise the Firemen's wages as follows. Attending meetings, \$1.00 each; \$1.25 per hour for practices; \$1.50 per hour for fighting fires.

17. To hear the report of the committee pertaining to by-laws governing the use and maintenance of the Town Hall and take any action necessary thereto.

18. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Statutory requirements and to carry the articles and appropriations of the School District into effect.

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
Selectmen of Bennington

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
Selectmen of Bennington

BASIS FOR 1958 TAX RATE

The Selectmen feel that to assist the voters in their consideration of the regular budget and special warrants they should have this information to show the basis for computation of the 1958 property tax rate.

Total appropriations, town budget	\$37,947 61
Total appropriations, school budget	34,628 56
	—————
	\$72,516 17
Less—Estimated revenue	\$11,644 33
Less—Estimated Poll Taxes	480 00
Less—Estimated cash surplus	2,000 00
	—————
	\$14,124 33
	—————
	\$58,451 84
Plus—Estimated overlay	1,164 16
Total—to be raised by property taxes	59,616 00
1957 Property valuation	\$1,445,050 00
1958 Property valuation estimate	\$1,440,000 00
Estimated tax rate on Budget Items Only	\$41 40
Increase in rate per every thousand dollars appropriated in warrant	69¢

COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

1953—1957

	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	Proposed 1958
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,300 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,400 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,400 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	800 00	600 00	700 00
Election & Registration	125 00	300 00	150 00	350 00	150 00	350 00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,800 00	1,800 00	1,800 00	1,300 00	1,700 00	1,300 00
Police Department	600 00	600 00	600 00	600 00	600 00	600 00
Fire Department	1,900 00	1,900 00	1,900 00	1,600 00	1,500 00	1,500 00
Parks and Playgrounds	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,800 00	1,200 00	1,200 00
Civilian Defense				150 00	50 00	
Insurance				1,500 00	1,700 00	1,850 00
Blister Bust						
Health Dept. & Town Dump	1,500 00	550 00	575 00	575 00	550 00	550 00
T.R.A.	182 29	185 15	186 20	186 17	203 46	247 86
Town Maintenance	5,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	6,000 00	6,500 00	6,500 00
General Expenses Highway Dept.	900 00	900 00	800 00	900 00	800 00	950 00
Truck	800 00	800 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00
Tarring	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,000 00	1,500 00	*1,500 00
Street Lighting	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,600 00	1,700 00	1,600 00
Libraries	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00
Old Age Assistance	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,000 00	2,500 00	2,200 00
Public Relief	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,200 00	1,200 00
Memorial & Old Home Day	550 00	550 00	350 00	250 00	200 00	*250 00
Water and Electric Departments	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
Cemeteries	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	750 00	1,050 00
Interest	375 00	355 00	340 00	463 00	375 00	550 00
Regional Associations	154 00	156 00	158 00	158 00	150 00	*150 00
Payment on Debt	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	3,500 00
Miscellaneous	146 00	23 00	525 00	315 00	215 00	215 00

Special Appropriations								
Total	1,750	00	2,930	00	2,360	00	1,950	00
County Tax	\$30,982	29	\$31,949	15	\$32,619	20	\$32,443	46
School Tax	6,073	17	6,208	11	5,350	70	6,334	75
	24,468	65	26,363	00	28,083	57	35,962	52
Total	\$61,524	11	\$64,520	26	\$66,053	47	\$74,740	73
Plus Overlay	856	40	1,134	04	1,454	47	1,142	82
Total Expenses	\$62,380	51	\$65,654	30	\$67,507	94	\$75,883	55
Less—Estimated Revenue	8,555	60	6,532	63	7,293	11	9,120	71
Poll Taxes	492	00	482	00	468	00	484	00
Cash Surplus					7,100	00	1,870	29
Net to be raised by Property Taxes	\$53,332	91	\$58,639	67	\$52,646	83	\$64,738	24
Actual Tax Rate	3	40	3	70	3	50	3	86
*Estimated								

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

1953—1957

	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	Proposed Budget 1958
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,348 74	\$1,395 90	\$1,515 00	\$1,425 00	\$1,425 00	\$1,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,424 51	1,574 08	456 27	674 06	789 10	700 00
Election and Registration	130 00	260 00	456 00	284 00	88 00	350 00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,555 25	1,879 30	1,070 10	1,512 93	1,875 98	1,300 00
Police Department	488 98	592 79	524 34	601 81	408 12	600 00
Fire Department	2,424 27	1,823 87	4,717 29	1,282 37	1,473 55	1,500 00
Beach—Parks and Playgrounds	1,176 53	1,333 50	1,430 03	1,284 83	1,202 20	1,200 00
Insurance			2,249 50	1,694 85	1,825 02	1,850 00
Civilian Defense				300 00		
Spraying Trees		525 00				
Health Department and Town Dump	533 25	169 45	499 94	497 25	478 63	550 00
T.R.A.		367 44	7,336 20			247 86
Town Road Maintenance	5,485 03	4,954 86	5,175 23	7,956 38	6,804 63	6,500 00
General Expense Highway	1,552 11	736 29	740 88	730 84	956 54	950 00
Truck		1,179 38	1,000 24	1,919 46	1,432 05	1,200 00
Tanning	1,060 03	1,444 25	921 77	1,652 50	2,280 84	*1,500 00
Street Lighting	1,563 53	1,488 35	1,501 30	1,555 38	1,560 78	1,600 00
Libraries	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00	200 00
Old Age Assistance	1,880 64	1,756 06	1,883 94	2,113 80	2,048 41	2,200 00
Public Relief	1,445 83	110 07	880 79	626 50	940 51	1,200 00
Memorial and Old Home Day	550 00	250 00	350 00	167 20	*250 00	
Water Department	2,954 33	1,616 36	3,285 45	3,157 94	2,846 45	2,500 00
Cemeteries	643 45	910 15	885 86	953 46	642 98	1,050 00
Interest	327 74	270 68	243 01	470 08	524 47	550 00
Regional Associations	154 00	156 00	158 00	220 00	150 00	*150 00
Payment on Debt	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	4,700 00	3,200 00	3,500 00
Miscellaneous	659 50	79 39	315 99	603 58		1,415 00

Total Net *Estimate—Warrant

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1957	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1957	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1958
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$317 82	\$1,923 90	\$1,923 90
Railroad Tax	157 76	163 51	163 51
Savings Bank Tax	73 05	124 53	124 53
Head Taxes		82 80	
For Fighting Forest Fires		8 10	
T.R.A.		1,356 40	1,652 39
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	171 00	212 40	200 00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	20 00	30 00	30 00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.		84 33	50 00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes & Deposits	75 00	69 27	400 00
Income from Trust Funds	450 00		900 00
Town Truck	1,200 00	1,439 29	1,200 00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:			
(a) Water Departments	2,500 00	2,896 08	2,500 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,200 00	2,798 89	2,500 00
Sale of Town Property		200 00	
Cash Surplus	2,079 50	2,079 50	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.	400 00	442 00	440 00
(c) Yield Taxes	200 00	604 88	
Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes	\$9,844 13	\$14,515 88	\$12,084 33
Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes	\$61,373 07		\$60,491 84
TOTAL REVENUES			\$72,576 17

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Approp's Previous Year 1957	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1957	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1958
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500 00	\$1,425 00	\$1,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	600 00	789 10	700 00
Election & Registration Expenses	150 00	88 00	350 00
Expenses Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	1,700 00	1,875 98	1,300 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	600 00	408 12	600 00
Fire Department	1,500 00	1,473 55	1,500 00
Insurance	1,700 00	1,825 02	1,850 00
Civil Defense	50 00		
Health:			
Health Dept., Incl. Hospitals	50 00	50 00	50 00
Vital Statistics	15 00	14 50	15 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	500 00	428 63	500 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000 00	2,986 80	3,000 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	3,500 00	3,817 83	3,500 00
Street Lighting	1,700 00	1,560 78	1,600 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	800 00	956 54	950 00
Town Road Aid	203 46		247 86
Libraries	200 00	200 00	200 00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,200 00	940 51	1,200 00
Old Age Assistance	2,500 00	2,048 41	2,200 00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Vet. As.	200 00	206 50	
Recreation:			
Parks & Playground, Incl. Band			
Concerts	1,200 00	1,202 20	1,200 00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Approp's Previous Year 1957	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1957	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1958
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipally Owned Water & Electric			
Utilities	2,500 00	2,846 45	2,500 00
Cemeteries	750 00	642 98	1,050 00
Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expenses	200 00	48 00	200 00
Advertising & Regional As.	150 00	150 00	150 00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	150 00	200 71	300 00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	225 00	323 76	250 00
Outlay for New Construction & Perm. Improv.			
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Truck	1,200 00	1,432 05	1,200 00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long Term Notes	2,000 00	3,200 00	3,500 00
County Taxes	5,168 54	6,334 75	6,334 75
School Taxes	36,555 20	25,402 09	34,628 56
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$71,217 20	\$62,878 26	\$72,576 17

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF THE
TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
FOR THE TAX YEAR 1957**

Description of Property	Valuation
Lands and Buildings	\$686,025 00
Mills and Machinery	550,000 00
Electric Plants	59,700 00
Stock in trade	175,850 00
Horses 3	225 00
Cows 22	2,200 00
Oxen 2	100 00
Goats 2	20 00
Fowls 6089	3,810 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks 6	900 00
Wood, lumber, etc.	220 00
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	1,479,050 00
Less: Vet. exemptions & exemptions to blind	34,000 00
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	1,445,050 00
Public Serv. of N. H., electric plants	59,700 00
Amount of property valuation exempted to vets.	34,000 00
Number of inventories distributed	282
Number of inventories returned	169
Number of veterans who received property exemption	34
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	36

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Application is hereby made under RSA 77:11 for an extension of time in which to commit the property tax warrant to the Tax Collector. An extension of 15 days after the tax rate is approved is hereby requested.

ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON

FREDERICK S. SHELDON

CHARLES E. LINDSAY

Selectmen of Bennington

Aug. 19, 1957

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1957 OF THE TOWN
OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON

FREDERICK S. SHELDON

CHARLES E. LINDSAY

Selectmen of Bennington

Date Aug. 19, 1957.

Appropriations, 1957

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500 00
Town Officers' Expenses	600 00
Election & Registration Expenses	150 00
Town Hall & buildings maintenance	1,700 00
Police Department	600 00
Fire Dept. and Forest Fires	1,500 00
Civilian defense	50 00
Dump & garbage collection	500 00
Vital statistics	15 00
Town Road Aid	203 46
Town maintenance, summer	3,250 00
Town maintenance, winter	3,250 00
	6,500 00
General expenses of highway dept.	800 00
Honor Roll	200 00
Insurance	1,700 00
Tarring	1,500 00
Street lighting	1,700 00
Clock	150 00
Engine House doors	300 00
New equipment, water tank Eng. No. 2	300 00
Libraries	200 00
Old Age assistance	2,500 00
Public Relief Town Poor	1,200 00
Memorial Day, Old Home Day	200 00
Parks & Playground inc. band concerts	1,200 00
Water & Electric Utilities	2,500 00
Cemeteries	750 00
Town Truck	1,200 00
Damages & Legal Exp. inc. Dog damages	200 00

Advertising & Regional As.	150 00
Payment on Debt, principal	2,000 00
Interest	375 00
	2,375 00
County Tax	6,334 75
School Tax	35,962 52

Total Town and School Appropriations	\$74,740 73
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,923 90
Railroad Tax	157 76
Savings Bank Tax	73 05
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	350 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,200 00
Dog Licenses	171 00
Business Licenses & Permits	20 00
Int. on Taxes & Income from Trust Funds	525 00
Water & Electric Depts.	2,500 00
Town Truck	1,200 00
Cash Surplus	1,540 60

Total Revenues & Credits	\$10,661 31

Plus Overlay	\$64,079 42
	1,142 82

Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	65,222 24
Less: Number 242 of Poll Taxes at \$2	484 00

Amount to be raised by property taxes	\$64,738 24
Taxes to be committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$64,738 24
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	484 00

Total Taxes to be committed	\$65,222 24
Approved by Tax Comm.	\$4 48

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1957

For Itemized Reports See Detailed Payments and Receipts

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts & Reimbursements	Amount Available	Expenditures	Balance	Overdrafts
1 Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,500 00		\$1,500 00	\$1,425 00	\$75 00	
2 Town Officers' Expenses	600 00		600 00	789 10		\$189 10
3 Election & Registration Expenses	150 00		150 00	88 00	62 00	
4 Town Hall Maintenance	1,700 00	84 33	1,784 33	1,875 98		91 65
5 Police Department	600 00		600 00	408 12	191 88	
6 Fire Department	1,500 00	100 80	1,600 80	1,473 55	127 25	
7 Civilian Defense	50 00		50 00		50 00	
8 Town Dump	500 00		500 00	428 63	71 37	
9 Vital Statistics	15 00		15 00	14 50	50	
10 T.R.A.	203 46		203 46		203 46	
11 Town Maintenance	6,500 00		6,500 00	6,804 63		304 63
12 General Expenses, Highway Dept.	800 00	200 00	1,000 00	956 54	43 46	
13 Honor Roll	200 00		200 00	210 00		
14 Insurance	1,700 00	5 00	1,005 00	1,825 02		10 00
15 Tarring	1,500 00	412 80	1,912 80	2,280 84		120 02
16 Street Lighting	1,00 00		1,00 00	1,360 78	139 22	368 04
17 Clock	150 00		150 00	90 00	60 00	
18 Engine House Doors	300 00		300 00		300 00	
19 Water Tank Engine No. 2	300 00		300 00	306 37		6 37
20 Libraries	200 00		200 00		200 00	
21 Old Age Assistance	2,500 00		2,500 00	2,048 41	451 59	
22 Town Poor	1,200 00		1,200 00	940 51	259 49	
23 Memorial Day	200 00		200 00	206 50	6 50	
24 Parks & Playgrounds	1,200 00		1,200 00	1,202 20	2 20	

25 Water Department	2,896 08	2,896 08	2,846 45	49 63	297 98
26 Cemeteries	1,45 00	945 00	642 98		
27 Town Truck	1,439 29	1,469 29	1,432 05	7 24	
28 Legal Expenses		200 00	148 00		152 00
29 Regional Associations	150 00	150 00	150 00		
30 Payment on Debt	1,356 40	3,731 40	3,724 47	6 93	
31 County Tax	2,375 00 6,334 75	6,334 75	6,334 75		
Totals	\$34,628 21	\$6,539 70	\$41,167 91	\$40,113 38	\$2,451 02
					\$1,396 49
					\$1,054 53

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1957

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date Jan. 22, 1958.

ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON
FREDERICK S. SHELDON
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
Selectmen

A. F. BELL, Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$7,219 84
Trust Funds	512 68
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1956	208 68
Levy of 1955	11 27
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1957	35,646 87
Levy of 1956	38 60
Total Assets	\$43,637 94
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	6,284 04
Grand Total	\$49,921 98
Net Debt, Dec. 31, 1956	\$9,448 11
Net Debt, Dec. 31, 1957	6,284 04
Decrease of Debt	3,164 07

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Bills outstanding	\$1,023 92
Unexpended balances of Special Appro.	1,109 41
Engine Hall Doors	\$300 00
Old Home Day	300 00
Water Dept.	459 41
Civil Defense	50 06

Due to State:	
State Head Taxes, 1957 penalties	26 50

Uncollected	\$210 00
Collected, not remitted to State Treas.	<u>450 00</u>
	660 00

Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	\$24,055 20
Less	<u>592 68</u>

Surplus	\$23,462 52
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**State & Town Joint Highway
Construction Account:**

TRA '56	\$186 17
TRA '57	<u>\$203 46</u>
	389 63

**Outstanding Temporary Loans in
Anticipation of Taxes:**

First National Bank of Hillsboro	12,000 00
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Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Fire Truck Notes	\$4,000 00
Chlorinator Plant	4,000 00
TRA Construction	<u>3,250 00</u>
	11,250 00

Total Liabilities	\$49,921 98
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STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

December 31, 1957

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes

	Fire Truck Ser. Notes 1952 2%	TRA Constru. 1955 2½%	Water Dept. Chlorinator Ser. Notes 1956 2½%	Annual Maturities
1958	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$3,000 00
1959	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	3,000 00
1960	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	3,000 00
1961	1,000 00	250 00	1,000 00	2,250 00
Totals	\$4,000 00	\$3,250 00	\$4,000 00	\$11,250 00
Less TRA Notes Guaranteed by State				3,250 00
			Bonded Debt	\$8,000 00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$25,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,500 00
Libraries, lands and buildings	25,000 00
Furniture and equipment	3,000 00
Police dept., equipment	100 00
Fire dept., equipment	17,000 00
Highway dept., lands & buildings	2,000 00
Equipment	2,000 00
Materials and supplies	500 00
Parks, Common & playground	35,000 00
Water supply, if owned by Town	42,000 00
Schools, lands & buildings	65,000 00
Equipment	10,000 00
 Total	 \$228,100 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1957 through Dec. 31, 1957

Auto tax (1956)	\$13 36	
Auto tax (1957)	2,798 89	
	—————	\$2,812 25
Filing fees		24 00
Dog licenses	231 00	
Clerk's fees	18 60	
	—————	\$212 40
Total amount paid to Treas.		\$3,048 65

DON A. POWERS
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1956

DR.

Uncollected Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1957:	
Property Taxes	\$2,289 07
Poll Taxes	72 00
Added Taxes	2 00
	————— \$2,363 07
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1957	69 27
Total Debits	\$2,432 37

CR.

Remittances to Treas. During Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1957:	
Property Taxes	\$2,250 47
Poll Taxes	68 00
Interest Collected during year	69 27
Abatements made during year	6 00
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:	
Property taxes, James Atkinson	38 60
	—————
Total Credits	\$2,432 34

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1957

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Original Warrant	\$1,580 00
Added Taxes	60 00
	—————
Total Commitment	\$1,640 00
Penalties Collected	16 00
	—————
Total Debits	\$1,656 00

	Cr.
Remitted to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	\$1,415 00
Penalties	16 00
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Abatements	15 00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List	210 00
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Total Credits	\$1,656 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

STATE HEAD TAX

LEVY OF 1956

	Dr.
Uncollected Taxes, as of Jan. 1, 1957	\$220 00
Added Taxes During 1957	10 00
Penalties Collected During 1957	21 50
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Total Debits	251 50

	Cr.
Remittances to Treas. During 1957:	
Head taxes	\$215 00
Penalties	21 50
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Abatements during 1957	\$236 50
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Total Credits	15 00
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	\$251 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1957

	Dr.
Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$64,738 24
Poll Taxes	484 00
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Total Warrant	\$65,222 24
Yield Taxes	604 88
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	288 96
Poll Taxes	16 00
Interest Collected	5 82
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Total Debits	\$66,137 90

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	\$28,865 11
Poll Taxes	442 00
Yield Taxes	604 88
Interest Collected	5 82
Discount Allowed	410 90
Abatements:	
Prop. \$152.32 Polls \$10.00	162 32
Uncollected Taxes:	
Property	35,598 87
Polls	48 00
Total Credits	\$66,137 90

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

AS OF DEC. 31, 1957

DR.
 Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:
 1956 1955 1954

Taxes sold to Town during Current Fiscal Year	\$214 75		
Taxes sold to Maurice Page	5 82		
Balance of unredeemed Taxes, Jan. 1, 1957		\$87 87	\$12 29
Int. Coll. after sale		5 72	
Total Debits	\$220 57	\$93 59	\$12 29
CR.			
Remitted to Treasurer		\$71 22	
Deeded to Town during yr.	\$11 89	11 10	\$12 29
Unredeemed Taxes, at Close of year	208 68	11 27	
Total Credits	\$220 57	\$93 59	\$12 29

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES ON
ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF

	1956	1955
Herbert Flanders	\$28 04	
Horton Glynn	5 82	
James Griswold	125 02	
Carrie Smith	36 13	
Edward Caughlin	5 82	\$3 80
John Giddings	7 85	7 47
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	\$208 68	\$11 27

UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES, 1957

Howard Ayers	\$29 03
Robert & Eunice Blanchard	293 44
Helen Broderick	53 76
Annabelle Call Est.	44 80
Patrick Cashion	80 64
Patrick Cashion	89 60
Marion Dory	71 68
George Edes	24 64
Mary Edes	2 24
Ruth Eldrid	71 14
Herbert Flanders	26 88
Horton Glynn	2 24
George & Greta Gray	98 56
Fred Gibbs	67 20
James Griswold	134 40
William Haag, Jr.	171 14
Phyllis LeBlanc, paid 1/17/58	96 32
Maurice Paige	35 84
Maurice Paige	98 56
Warren Perkins	80 64
Harlan Robertson	44 80
Carrie Smith	35 84
Grace Sargent	67 20
Clifford Smith	89 60
Ralph & Jean Smith	123 20
Ruby Vincent, paid 1/24/58	224 00
Herbert Wilson	76 16
Monadnock Paper Mill	32,758 28
Claude & Catherine Butts	89 60
Lois & Erwin Chase	313 60
Harry Dorr	31 36
A. Decharie, paid 1/6/58	22 40
Charles Edler	78 40
Gates, Inc.	8 96
John Giddings Jr.	4 48
Mary & Albert Radcliff	4 48
Fred Mallet Est.	2 24
Mrs. John Robertson	6 72
L. S. Tacy Est.	44 80
	<hr/> \$35,598 87

UNPAID POLL TAXES

James Atkinson	
Mildred Atkinson	
Robert Blanchard	
Eunice Blanchard	
Rachel Bardwell	
Robert Brown	
Alfred Chase	
Doris Clough, paid 1/13/58	
Greta Gray	
Evelyn Griswold	
Rena Johnson	
Joseph LeBlanc Jr.	
Marie Magoon	
Waldo McWhirter	
Helen McWhirter	
Edna Mercier	
Verna Paige	
Verna Robertson	
Jean Smith	
Evelyn Sudsbury	
Loretta Sullivan	
Imogene Tacy	
Ruby Vincent, paid 1/24/58	
Kikuki Vincent, paid 1/24/58	
24 poll taxes at \$2.00	\$48 00

UNPAID HEAD TAXES, 1957

James Atkinson	
Mildred Atkinson	
Robert Blanchard	
Eunice Blanchard	
Rachel Bardwell	
Robert Brown	
Alfred Chase, paid 1/6/58	
Doris Clough, paid 1/13/58	
Donald Clough, paid 1/13/58	
Chester B. Frederick	
Greta Gray	
George Gray	
James Griswold	
Evelyn Griswold	
Rena Johnson	
Charles Johnson	
Joseph LeBlanc, Jr., paid 1/6/58	
Waldo McWhirter	
Helen McWhirter	

Roger Magoon	
Marie Magoon	
Edna Mercier	
Verna Paige	
Maurice Paige	
Verna Robertson	
Harlan Robertson	
Loretta Sullivan	
Delbert Sargent	
Evelyn Sudsbury	
Robert St. Lawrence	
Barbara St. Lawrence	
Arthur Sheldon, paid 1/11/58	
Lena Sheldon, paid 1/24/58	
Grace Sargent	
Jean Smith	
Ralph Smith	
Imogene Tacy	
David Traxler	
Winfred Tacy	
Ruby Vincent, paid 1/24/58	
Kikuki Vincent, paid 1/24/58	
Wallace Wynott, Jr.	
42 Head taxes at \$5.00	\$210 00

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1957, on account of the tax levies of 1955, 1956, 1957, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DORINE B. BULLOCK
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956 as per bank statement	\$16,945 22
Total Receipts thru Dec. 31, 1957	58,032 97
Total Credits	\$74,978 19
Total payments thru Dec. 31, 1957	\$67,758 35
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1957 as per bank statement	7,219 84
Total	\$74,978 19

See detailed payments for orders paid.

ARTHUR F. BELL
Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year, 1957	\$28,865 11
Poll Taxes, Current Year, 1957	442 00
Yield Taxes, 1957	604 88
State Head Taxes at \$5, 1957	1,415 00
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$31,326 99
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes, Previous Years	2,250 47
Poll Taxes, Previous Years	68 00
State Head Taxes at \$5, Previous Years	215 00
Interest received on Taxes	69 27
Penalties on State Head Taxes	
'57-\$16.00 Prev. \$21.50	37 50
Tax sales redeemed	115 32

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:	
For Town Road Aid	1,356 40
Interest and dividends tax	1,923 90
Railroad Tax	163 51
Savings Bank Tax	124 53
Reimbursement—Head Tax	42 80
Fighting forest fires	8 10

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	212 40
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	30 00
Tarring	412 80
Rent of town property:	
Town Hall \$84.33; Tractor \$10.00	
Truck \$1,439 29	1,533 62
Filing Fees	24 00
Income from departments:	
Cemetery \$45.00; Road Agent \$.50	45 50
Fire Dept. Tel., Paul Traxler	92 70
Income from water & electric depts.	2,896 08
Registration of motor vehicles, 1956,	
Permits	13 36
Registration of motor vehicles, 1957,	
Permits	2,798 89

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$12,000 00
Insurance adjustments	5 00
Refunds	26 83
Sale of town property:	
E. D. Newhall, plow	200 00
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$12,231 83
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$58,032 97
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1957	16,945 22
Grand Total	\$74,978 19

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$1,425 00
Town officers' expenses	789 10
Election and registration expenses	88 00
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	1,875 98

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	408 12
Fire department, including forest fires	1,473 55
Insurance	1,825 02

Health:

Health dept., including hospitals	50 00
Vital statistics	14 50
Town dumps & garbage removal	428 63

Highways and Bridges:

Tarring	2,280 84
Town Maintenance:	
Summer	\$2,986 80
Winter	3,817 83
	6,804 63
Street lighting	1,560 78
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	956 54

Libraries:

Libraries	200 00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	2,048 41
Town poor	940 51

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day & Veterans' Asso.	206 50
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Recreation:

Parks & playgrounds, incl. band concerts	1,202 20
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Public Service Enterprises:

Municipal water and electric depts.	2,846 45
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Cemeteries

642 98

Unclassified:

Damages & legal expenses	48 00
Advertising & Regional As.	150 00
Taxes bought by town	214 75
Discounts, abatements & refunds	22 13
Payment to State a/c Yield	
Tax debt retirement '56	\$46 89
Yield tax debt retirement '57	100 81
	147 70
Auto permits	156 50

Total Current Maintenance Expenses

\$28,806 82

Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	200 71
Paid on long term notes	323 76
Total Interest Payments	\$524 47

**Outlay for New Construction,
Equipm. & Permanent Imp.:**

Town truck	1,432 05
Fire truck water tank	306 37
Commemorative plaque	210 00
Chairs	200 00
Town Clock	90 00
Total Outlay Payments	\$2,238 42

Indebtedness:

Payments on long term notes	3,200 00
Total Indebtedness Payments	\$3,200 00

Payments to Other Gov. Divs.::

State Head taxes paid State Treas. (1957 taxes)	\$910 80
Prior years	341 00
	1,251 80
Taxes paid to County	6,334 75
Payments to School Districts: 1956 Tax	\$12,902 09
1957 Tax	12,500 00
	25,402 09
Total Payments to Other Gov. Divs.:	\$32,988 64
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$67,758 35
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1957	7,219 84
Grand Total	\$74,978 19

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

1. Current year property taxes:	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$28,865 11
2. Current year polls:	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$442 00
3. Previous years property and polls:	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$2,318 47
4. Tax Sales redeemed:	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$115 32
5. Received from State:	
Railroad & Savings Bank tax	\$288 04
Forest fires	8 10
TRA	1,356 40
Interest & dividend tax	1,923 90
Head tax refund	82 80
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	\$3,659 24
6. Previous year head taxes:	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$236 50
7. Dog Licenses:	
Don A. Powers	\$212 40
8. Business Licenses & Permits:	
Beano	\$30 00
9. Yield Tax:	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$604 88
10. Rent of Town Property:	
Paul Traxler	\$84 33
11. Interest Received:	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$69 27
12. Registration of Motor Vehicles:	
Donald A. Powers	\$2,812 25
13. Town Truck	
Herbert Curtis	1,439 29

14. Miscellaneous:

Cancelled check	17 30
Fire Dept., tel., Paul Traxler	92 70
Tractor	10 00
Old plow, E. D. Newhall	200 00
Tax refunds	9 53
Insurance	5 00
Filing fees	24 00
H. Curtis, overpayment	50
H. Curtis, tarring	412 80
Cemetery	45 00
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	\$816 83

15. Temporary Loans:

First National Bank of Hillsboro	\$12,000 00
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16. Current Year, Head Taxes:

Dorine B. Bullock	\$1,431 00
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17. Water Department:

John D. Armstrong	\$2,896 08
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1. Town Officers' Salaries:

Irving LeCain	\$10 00
Walter Cleary	10 00
Dorine Bullock	187 50
E. D. Hutchinson	250 00
C. E. Lindsay	300 00
Fred S. Sheldon	250 00
Don A. Powers	100 00
Fred Hugron	45 00
Edward French	10 00
Philip Knowles	25 00
Alfred Chase	50 00
A. F. Bell	187 50
Ivon Clough	20 00
John P. Weston	5 00
Paul Traxler	25 00

	\$1,475 00

2. Town Officers Expenses:

N. H. Assessors Association	\$6 00
C. S. Woods Co.	83
Brown & Saltmarsh forms	60 41
Post Office	33 74
Transcript Printing Co.	385 80
Selectmen, tax collector's meeting	17 00
State of N. H.	1 25
Register of Deeds	6 66
Charles Buxton	4 00
Goodman Book store	14 65
C. R. Hardy, dues	3 00
Contoocook Valley Telephone	3 75
James Coffin	7 50
Express	3 20
A. J. Verrette	7 45
Dorine B. Bullock, head tax	54 60
Sargent Bros.	17 25
Don A. Powers	34 65
Maxwell Press, check lists	30 80
Fred Hugron	1 56
Philip Knowles, clock	25 00
A. F. Bell	20 00

	\$739 10

3. Election and Registration:

VFW Aux., dinners	\$35 00
Transcript Printing Co.	18 00
Herbert Curtis, ballot inspector	7 50
Dalmer Newhall, ballot inspector	7 50
Philip Knowles, supervisor	10 00
Paul Traxler, supervisor	10 00

	\$88 00

4. Expenses Town Hall and Other Buildings:

Bennington garage, plowing	\$8 88
Dalmer Newhall, janitor	155 64
Donald Glynn, labor	7 50
Edward Caughlin, coal	298 31
Robert Fish, plumbing	367 70
Telephone	3 70
E. D. Hutchinson, repairs	6 60
Public Service Co. of N. H.	110 34
Maurice Paige, labor	2 00
Arthur Sawyer, labor	73 00
Paul Traxler, janitor & supplies	389 46
Alfred Perry, repairs	54 60
Hillsboro Lumber Co.	15 88
David Traxler, labor	59 00
H. N. Chase, piano	5 00
Kenneth Colburn, labor	25 00
Mutual Boiler Inspection	30 00
Monadnock Paper Mills, grates	183 00
Steve Yakovakis, labor	3 00
Edmunds Dept. Store	73 79
C. S. Woods	3 58

	\$1,875 98

5. Police Department:

William Haag	\$68 65
Fred Hugron	125 00
Olen Newhall	111 50
Donald Grant	93 50
John Tasker, uniforms	9 47

	\$408 12

6. Fire Department:

Bennington Garage, gas, oil & repairs	\$355 36
Public Service Co. of N. H.	21 44
Telephone	167 79
Edward French, payrolls	234 10
Paul Traxler, labor & supplies	85 75
George Gray	17 00

Herbert Curtis	86	57
Maurice Paige	3	00
Arthur Sawyer	9	00
David Traxler	46	50
Thompson Hoague Co.	6	00
James Coffin, supplies	187	90
Pearl J. Warren	28	05
Peter Martel	4	00
Fred Hugron	11	00
State of N. H.	19	20
Insurance	90	00
Ivon Clough	2	00
F. A. Gleason & Son	1	00
Mac Tool	8	75
Kenneth Colburn	5	00
Sudbury Laboratory	29	89
Walter Parker	9	00
Farrar Co.	3	00
Robert Fish, supplies	34	73
Mutual Aid	5	00
A. F. Edmunds	2	52
		\$1,473 55

7. Insurance:

Stuart F. Clark	\$1,825 02
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8. Health Department:

Donald A. Powers	\$50 00
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9. Vital Statistics:

Donald A. Powers	\$14 50
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10. Town Dump:

Herbert A. Curtis, payroll	\$428 63
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11. Tarring:

Herbert A. Curtis, payrolls	\$1,625 58
Trimount Bituminous Prods. Co.	655 26
	\$2,280 84

12. Town Maintenance—Summer:

Herbert Curtis, payrolls	\$2,899 62
Keene Sand & Gravel	87 18
	\$2,986 80

13. Town Maintenance—Winter:	
Herbert Curtis, payrolls	\$2,950 25
E. C. & W. L. Hopkins, salt	296 00
Keene Sand & gravel	33 83
Monadnock Paper Mills, plowing	36 00
International Salt Co.	501 75
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	\$3,817 83
14. Street Lighting:	
Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$1,560 78
15. General Expenses Highway Dept.:	
R. C. Hazelton & Co.	\$423 28
Public Service	109 63
Bennington Garage	97 67
Harry Clafin Garage	90 00
Paul Traxler	19 43
Lois Topping, signs	13 00
Herbert Curtis	91 93
Signs	90 12
Young Equipment Co.	9 60
Ray Road Equipment Co.	11 88
	—————
	\$956 54
16. Libraries:	
G. E. P. Dodge Library	\$200 00
17. Old Age Assistance:	
State Welfare Department:	\$2,048 41
18. Town Poor:	
A. F. Edmunds, orders	\$721 00
J. H. Lindsay	8 00
Hillsboro County	14 51
Monadnock Hospital, Carrie Smith	184 50
Alfred Chase	12 50
	—————
	\$940 51
19. Memorial Day:	
Herman C. Skinner	\$206 50

20. Parks and Plyagrounds:

Harry Sawyer	\$516 00
Herbert Curtis, payroll	452 30
Greenlands Corp., lawn mower	69 95
John Davy, latrines	15 00
Bennington Garage	43 65
Mathew Yakovakis	14 00
Telephone	19 87
H & H Sales, loud speaker	64 95
C. S. Woods Co.	2 98
Goodell Co.	2 50
Lois E. Topping, signs	3 00
	—————
	\$1,202 20

21. Municipal Water Department:

Maurice Blodgett	\$69 60
N. E. Chemical Chlorine	35 00
S. W. N. H. Trans. Co.	17 96
John D. Armstrong, Supt's Salary	150 00
John D. Armstrong, maintenance	505 50
John D. Armstrong, labor	310 63
Herbert Curtis	576 33
George E. Trudel Co.	106 93
Public Service Co.	560 94
Bennington Garage	15 28
Antrim Bldg. Supply	20 19
Brown & Saltmarsh	4 64
Paul Traxler	5 70
H. R. Prescott & Sons	155 61
Wallace Tiernan Inc.	1 79
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc.	82 88
Sim's Press	16 10
Wilton Lumber Co.	42 61
Walter Smith	72 00
Dalmer Newhall	69 00
Christ Yakovakis	9 00
Hillsboro Lumber Co.	13 76
William H. Healy	5 00
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	\$2,846 45

22. Cemeteries:

Greelands Corp., lawn mower	\$100 00
Herbert Curtis, payroll	311 98
Fred Hugron, sexton	9 00
Walter Smith	114 00
Dalmer Newhall	108 00
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	\$642 98

23. Damage & Legal Expenses:	
Maurice Blodgett	\$48 00
24. Advertising & Regional Associations:	
Monadnock Region Association	\$150 00
25. Taxes Bought By Town:	
Dorine B. Bullock	\$214 75
26. Discounts, Abatements and Refunds:	
Rose M. Veasy	\$7 96
William Haag, Jr.	12 60
Ruth Eldred	1 57

	\$22 13
27. Payments to State and County:	
State Yield Tax	\$147 70
Hillsboro County Tax	6,334 75

	\$6,482 45
28. Interest:	
First National Bank, Hillsboro	\$524 47
29. Auto Permits:	
Donald A. Powers	\$156 50
30. Town Truck:	
Bennington Garage	\$1,432 05
31. Water Tank, Fire Truck:	
Southwestern N. H. Trans. Co.	\$6 37
Lyons Iron Works	116 74
Bennington Garage	183 26

	\$306 37
32. Commemorative Plaque:	
James Coffin	\$210 00
33. Chairs:	
Goodman Book Store	\$200 00
34. Town Clock:	
Alfred Perry	\$90 00

35. Payments on Long Term Notes:	
First National Bank of Hillsboro	\$3,200 00
36. State Head Taxes:	
State of N. H.	\$1,251 80
37. School District:	
Mary K. Wilson	\$25,402 09

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of Bennington, N. H., on December 31, 1957

Date of Creation	NAME AND PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	PRINCIPAL Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END YEAR
LIBRARY FUND:										
1923	Mary Butler Jamesson	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	\$457.50			\$457.50	\$73.33	\$18.73	\$92.06	
1923	John D. & Mary C. Butler	N. H. Savings Bank	1,000.00			1,000.00	\$47.67	35.63	83.30	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	Manchester Savings Bank	5,000.00			5,000.00		169.46	88.21	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	Concord Savings Bank	4,375.24			4,375.24	206.29	150.08	356.37	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	Merrimac Ct. Savings Bank	5,000.00			5,000.00		273.34	273.34	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	106 Sh., Fidelity Fund Inc.	1,432.65		4 Shares +.76	1,432.65		53.00	53.00	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	100 sh. 1st Nat'l Bank of Boston	6,520.05			6,520.05		35.00	325.00	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	470 Sh. Mass. Inv. Trust	3,259.50		5 sh. +7.35	3,259.50		192.70	192.70	
1938	Emma E. Gipson	2,940.00	14 S. +4.09		2,940.00		137.54	137.54		
1938	Emma E. Gipson	2,505.90			2,505.90		135.00	135.00		
1955	Emma E. Gipson	Peterborough Savings Bank	187.56	\$12.20		199.76	2.85	6.92	9.77	
	Cap. Gains Fund									
SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY:										
1928	David W. Bell	Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$6.03	\$3.52	\$1,367.52	\$1,367.52
1916	Willard S. Carkin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	332.20			332.20	14.99	11.52	10.00	\$4.55
1918	W. H. Darrah	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00			50.00	4.19	1.79	10.00	10.00
1921	Edward L. Dodge	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	8.47	3.61	2.25	3.73
1917	Augustus W. Gray	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	4.57	3.47	2.25	7.08
1928	William Keith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	5.98	3.50	4.00	5.48
1915	C. J. Kinball	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00			150.00	9.06	5.29	6.00	8.35
1928	Harriet Kimball	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00			50.00	3.35	1.79	2.00	3.14
1930	Mary Knowles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	4.74	3.47	2.25	5.96
1914	Abram A. Ramsey	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,766.16			1,766.16	130.51	62.93	70.00	123.44
1906	Helen P. Ramsey	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00			200.00	19.20	6.94	6.00	10.14
1925	William L. Taylor	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	8.05	3.61	5.50	6.16
1905	Anna M. Woodbury	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00			200.00	13.64	7.09	7.00	13.73
1927	Samuel Abbott & Lucinda Dodge	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	11.06	7.44	6.00	12.50
1939	Samuel Gilman & Lucinda Dodge	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	5.17	3.71	3.00	5.88
1919	Ann M. Eaton	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	5.17	3.71	3.00	5.88
1937	Charles H. Kimball	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	100.00			100.00	5.14	3.70	3.00	5.84
1940	Amos A. Martin	Peterborough Sav. Bk.	200.00			200.00	10.22	7.41	7.00	10.63

Vergreen Cemetery:

Amoskeag Savings Bank
Peterborough Savings Bank

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of Bennington, N. H., on December 31, 1957

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	PRINCIPAL New Funds Created	New Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME Income During Year Amount	Expenditure During Year	Balance End Year
1951	Robert Wilson	Peterborough Savings Bank	243.75			243.75	10.82	8.98	6.00
1943	Thomas Wilson	Peterborough Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	5.34	3.71	3.50
1955	Marcia Cosman	Peterborough Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	4.05	3.66	2.25
1955	Fred A. Knight	Peterborough Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	4.05	3.66	2.25
1955	George A. Ross	Peterborough Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	4.05	3.66	2.25
1956	Nellie Downs Vose	Peterborough Savings Bank	200.00			200.00	1.88	7.11	5.50
	Totals		\$4,331.16			4,331.16	\$256.48	\$158.30	\$87.25
				\$125.00		\$125.00	\$13.54	\$4.87	\$8.00
1946	Mt. Calvary Cemetery:	Peterborough Savings Bank	200.00			200.00	15.02	7.58	10.00
1950	Laurence W. Flynn	Peterborough Savings Bank	100.00			100.00	5.04	3.70	3.50
1950	Annie M. Shea	Peterborough Savings Bank	150.00			150.00	4.05	5.43	2.50
1956	Mary E. Munhall	Peterborough Savings Bank							
	Nicholas Flynn								
	Totals		\$575.00			\$575.00	\$37.65	\$21.58	\$24.00
				\$327.85		\$327.85	\$144.89	\$16.68	\$161.57
1940	Community Fund	Peterborough Savings Bank	37,678.40	\$12.20	\$37,690.60	330.14	1,667.52	\$1,367.95	\$629.71
	Town Christmas Tree	Total Library Funds	8,323.36	360.00	8,659.86	516.21	312.39	321.25	307.53
		Total Sunnyside Cemetery	4,331.16		4,331.16	256.48	158.30	87.25	327.53
		Total Evergreen Cemetery	575.00		575.00	37.65	21.58	24.00	35.23
		Total Mt. Calvary Cemetery	327.85		327.85	144.89	16.68		161.57
		Community Fund							
	Grand Totals		\$51,235.77	\$360.00	*\$23.50	\$51,584.47	\$1,285.37	\$2,176.47	\$1,800.45

*Expended from Principal per Trust Agreement.
Audited 1/30/58 Erving A. LeCain

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

PHILIP E. KNOWLES
J. PRENTISS WESTON, Trustees

Date January 31, 1958

AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Water Department and Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Bennington have been examined according to the uniform classification of the State Tax Commission and found to be correct.

ERVING LECAIN
WALTER CLEARY
Auditors

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1957	\$352 35
Town appropriation	200 00
Trustees of trust funds	1,367 95
Hancock PTA, rent	5 00
Book refund	1 12
 Total Receipts	 \$1,926 42

EXPENDITURES	
Mary K. Wilson, librarian	\$600 00
Steve Yakovakis, janitor	150 00
Books	251 76
Magazines and newspapers	32 25
Hafeli Fuel Co., 1882 gal. fuel oil	295 17
O. B. Peirce, oil burner service	18 20
Hines & Knapton, insurance	98 01
Public Service Co., lights	58 26
Marshall Rowe, clock repairs	4 00
Janitor supplies	1 63
Bank Service charge	8 10
 Total Expenditures	 \$1,517 48
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1957	408 94
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	\$1,926 42

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES, Treas.
RUTH A. CODY
MARY D. SHEA
Library Trustees

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

Days and hours open—Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, afternoons 2:30-4:30, evening 6:30-8:30.

Books purchased in 1957	71
Books by gift in 1957	26
Lands and Peoples (7 vol.)	
Peterborough Transcript (weekly)	
Magazines by subscription	12
Books numbered for circulation	3,553

Magazines by subscription: Reader's Digest, Outdoor Life, Life, Popular Science, Newsweek, Jack and Jill, National Geographic Magazine, Seventeen, Popular Mechanics, The Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal, and American Girl.

A story hour and Puppet Show is held every Saturday morning for the young children, under the supervision of Mrs. Leonard Billing. Puppet shows have been put on at the Crotched Mt. Hospital several times this past year and also for the Parent Teachers' Association at Hancock, for which they received a check, which was given to the trustees of the library.

MARY K. WILSON,

Librarian

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT, 1957

Total number gallons pumped 8,390,000

Number of hours pumped 983

Chlorine used 37½ lbs.

Cost of power, heat and lights \$659.44

Chlorinator Report:

Number of gallons treated 19,541,100

Chlorine used 118 gallons

Report of Collections:

Total rental collected	\$2,601 59
Old accounts collected	221 32
Supplies sold	73 17

Turned into treasurer	\$2,896 08
Discounts	276 89
Uncollected	405 25

Report of uncollected rents Jan. 1, 1958:

Howard Ayers	\$9 00
Stephen Chase	42 75
Mrs. William Call Est.	10 00
Mrs. Marion Dorry	7 00
Mrs. J. A. Fleming	10 00
George Gray	20 00
Fred Gibbs	17 83
Sydney Huntington	20 00
James Griswold	24 00
Fred Hugron	29 00
William Haag	10 00
Ed Moule	10 00
Waldo McWhirter	24 00
Maurice Paige	20 00
R. A. Sheldon	24 00
Robert St. Laurance	16 00
Mrs. Grace Sargent	28 67
Ralph Smith	36 00
George Whittemore	47 00

FIRE WARDENS' REPORT

ENGINE No. 1:

1-500 gallon pumper with 500 gallon booster tank
200 ft. 1" booster hose
1 hand type extinguisher
1 foam type extinguisher
1 roof ladder
1 extension ladder
1 smoke mask
1 fire fighter extinguisher
1 dry powder extinguisher
1 portable radio

ENGINE No. 2:

350 gallon booster tank
2 ladders (roof)
1 extension ladder
2 soda and acid extinguishers
2 smoke masks
1 first aid kit
1 CO₂ extinguisher

ENGINE No. 3:

1-750 gal pumper with 600 gallon booster tank
150 ft. 1 inch booster hose
1 extension ladder (aluminum)
1 roof ladder (aluminum)
1 attic ladder (folding)
1 dry powder extinguisher
1 first aid kit
1 smoke mask
1 smoke mask (donated by William Haag)
1 mobile radio

OTHER EQUIPMENT:

2 long ladders
1 portable pump
1 trailer
4 battery chargers
1 body drag
5 electric lanterns
1 Emerson resuscitator

FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT H5

16 Indian pumps
6 grub hoes
6 rakes
6 axes with grub hoes
4 axes
1 water canteen
4 pails
6 lanterns

REPORT OF CALLS:

1 house fire
2 dump fires
4 chimney fires
1 brush fire
1 out of town call under mutual aid system

FIRE ALARM BOXES ARE LOCATED:

One at Town Hall
One at Don Powers' Store

TO OPERATE:

Open Door, pull down hook once
Then let go and stay at box until fireman arrive.
6 Blasts for fire
3 Blasts all out signal

2 Blasts, No School, 8:00 o'clock A. M.

1 Long Blast, short of water

1 Long Blast 1st Monday in month 6:45 P. M. 1 Blast between noon and 1 o'clock for Test on Saturday.

To be reached by telephone—Paul Traxler 116-31 night or day. Ivon Clough 116-5 by night. Don Powers' Store 14-12 by day.

The Firewards want to advise that our radio system is in operation. A list is enclosed of the Towns participating.

We had an opportunity to put our radio into operation at the recent house fire we had which worked out satisfactorily. The firewards recommend that the town purchase 12 rubber coats, hats and boots for our firemen. Also that the firemen's wages be advanced as follows: Attending meeting \$1.00 each. \$1.25 per hour for practices and \$1.50 per hour for fighting fires.

PAUL G. TRAXLER, Chief

IVON W. CLOUGH, 1 Asst.

FRED HUGRON, 2 Asst.

COUNTY OF CHESHIRE—SOUTHWESTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE MUTUAL AID—CIVIL DEFENSE
COOPERATING IN FIRE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCH CENTER—FIRE HEADQUARTERS

Keene, New Hampshire

NAME	BASE	MOBILES	PORTABLES
Cheshire County & Fire Mutual Aid	K.C.F. 415	K3-M-2 K4-M-1 K6-M-3 K7-M-4 K8-M-1	K4-P-1
Nelson		K9-M-1 K9-M-2 K10-M-1 K10-M-2	K10-P-1 K10-P-2
Bennington		K11-M-3	
Chesterfield		K12-M-1	
West Chesterfield		K14-M-2 K14-M-3 K15-M-1 K15-M-2	(M-2 Chesham)
Dublin		K16-M-3 K16-M-2	
West Dummerston, Vt.	K.C.D. 360	K17-M-1	
Fitzwilliam		K18-C-1 K19-M-1 K19-M-2 K19-M-3	K19-P-1 K19-P-2
Meadowood		K19-M-4 K19-M-5	K20-P-1
Gilsum		K20-M-1 K20-M-2 K20-M-3	
Hancock		K21-M-1	
Harrisville		K22-M-3	
Jaffrey			K22-P-1
Langdon	K.C.F. 415		
Keene			
Marlboro	K.C.E. 889		
Marlow			
New Ipswich	K.C.F. 417		
Peterborough			
Richmond			
Ridge			
Spoofford	K.C.E. 935	K25-M-1 K26-M-1 K26-M-2 K29-M-1 K29-M-2	K26-P-1 K26-P-2
Surry		K30-M-1	K29-P-1
Stoddard		K31-M-1	
Sullivan		K32-M-1	
Troy		K34-M-1 K34-M-2	
Waipole		K35-M-1 K35-M-2	
Westmoreland		K36-M-1	

CONNIE Woods, DISTRICT FOREST FIRE CHIEF—CAR 53

Established on Frequency 33.78 mc. The following units can be contacted by relay through the Dispatch Center.

Fire Mutual Aid Dispatch Center	
Keene	K.C.E. 579
Fitzwilliam	K10-M-4
Meadowood	K11-M-1 K11-M-2 K11-M-3
Hinsdale	18-M-1 18-M-2
East Swanzey	K27-M-1 K27-M-2
Swanzey Center	K28-M-1 K28-M-2
Winchester	40-M-1 40-M-2 40-M-3 40-M-4
West Swanzey	43 M-1 43-M-2 43-M-3

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

TO THE SELECTMEN:

Each year there is a demand for a statement on forest fires for publication in the annual town report. It is believed they serve a good purpose locally in preventing fires. The following is offered with the respectful request for publication in your town report.

Sincerely,

WINTHROP HANNAFORD

District Fire Chief

Forest Fire Prevention is Everybody's Business

New Hampshire faces a continuing challenge in its forest fire problem—97 percent of all our forest fires being man-caused and preventable—a serious indictment of interest in our own welfare and that of our neighbor. Both the State and the Towns are striving diligently to effectively meet the challenge through education of the public to the threat fire presents to our woodlands; by maintaining a well trained corps of wardens and deputy wardens in every community and by providing ample opportunity for all who wish to dispose of unwanted waste materials. Careless and perverseness, however, continue to be the big hurdles.

Thoughtlessly discarded lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from moving vehicles, by hikers, hunters and fishermen; careless burning of debris during hazardous periods in dangerous locations; illegal burning; improperly extinguished debris, camp and cook fires—all result in serious loss of property, disruption of industry and farm work and unnecessary expenditure of town and state funds.

To meet the challenge successfully, the state, your community and your local forest fire warden need YOUR thoughtful and cooperative effort—The rules are simple.

1. Don't burn at home—use your town dump and avoid all fire problems.

2. If you do burn, be sure to secure a written permit from your local forest fire warden when the ground is not covered with snow. Permits are required for open debris fires, home incinerators, outdoor fire places and camp fires. Your warden is instructed to permit burning if weather conditions, site and type of burning are safe.

3. Be sure that all lighted material—cigars, cigarettes and matches—are completely out before discarding them. Use ash trays in automobiles.

4. Make certain that your debris, camp and cook fires are completely out before leaving them.

5. Insist that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.

6. Call the warden promptly when fire is detected and aid him to extinguish it.

REMEMBER—the fire you prevent might be the one which could burn YOUR property.

REMEMBER—Forest Fire Prevention is Everybody's Business and our Most Important Undertaking.

1957 Forest Fire record for your town.

Number of fires 0. Acreage burned 0. Number of permits issued 22.

WINTHROP HANNAFORD
District Fire Chief

HERBERT CURTIS
Forest Fire Warden

TOWN HALL REPORT

	Free Hours	Rent Collected	Janitor Labor
March	8	\$3 00	\$47 00
April	27		48 00
May	35	2 00	27 00
June	3	3 00	10 00
July		3 00	58 00
August	2	3 00	10 00
September	16	6 00	13 00
October	6	11 00	92 00
November	16	13 00	69 00
December	3		57 50
Totals	110	\$44 00	\$431 50

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL G. TRAXLER, Janitor

REPORT OF COMMITTEE REGARDING REPAIRS TO TOWN HALL

TOWN MODERATOR:
Bennington, New Hampshire.

This committee was appointed by you, as authorized by vote of the 1957 Town Meeting, to investigate and report at the next town meeting on the following subjects:

1. To investigate regarding the boiler and heating system of the Town Hall and to recommend for or against the installation of a new boiler and heating system based on oil.

2. To investigate and recommend regarding the painting and decorating of the outside of the Town Hall.

Your committee met more than once and decided to have an impartial inspection made by an outside insurance inspector and to also obtain quotations regarding the cost of making any necessary repairs.

An inspection was made in which the inspector recommended some minor repairs and expressed the opinion that it was reasonable to expect some more years of dependable service from the present boiler.

The committee was able to obtain information as to a source of replacement grates and as a result of the inspection and discussions with the Selectmen, the Selectmen decided to buy new grates and make a few other necessary repairs to put the present boiler in good operating condition.

Your committee recommends against the installation of a new boiler and oil burning heating system at this time as not warranted or necessary under the circumstances.

Your committee also inspected the Town Hall outside and obtained two estimates as to the cost of repainting the outside. Both estimates were based on the recommendation of removing the blinds and estimated a cost of approximately \$1,400. If the blinds were not removed but repaired and repainted the cost would be considerably more.

It is recommended from this committee, to the voters of the town, that in order to preserve the building and improve its appearance the Town Hall be repainted after removing the blinds.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD FRENCH
ANDREW BAVELAS
WILLIAM ALDRICH
CHARLES LINDSAY
ERVING LECAIN, Chairman

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

By-Laws for Bennington Town Hall

April 22, 1957

ARTICLE I

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Janitor to keep the hall in proper condition at all times. He shall make necessary repairs. He shall preserve order at all gatherings or have a responsible person of 21 years of age or over, and see that no damage is done to the furniture or building. He shall keep all children and other persons from going on the stage or behind the curtains unless they have business there and shall report any damage done to the stage, scenery, or other properties to the person or persons using the hall, and see that the damage is taken care of by such persons.

He shall require all traveling shows to settle for use of hall and all damages (if any) before removing their effects.

Section 11. All purchases for the hall shall be made in the name of the Town, and the Janitor shall present itemized bill of the same, and at the end of the month shall make a report for the Selectmen's approval and payment. He shall turn over to the Treasurer at the end of each month all monies collected for the use of the hall and take his receipt therefore.

Section III. The Janitor shall have no authority to change any of the prices for the use of the hall named in these by-laws.

Section IV. The Janitor shall keep a record at all times in a book furnished by the town, which shall be kept in the Selectmen's room.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1:

Schedule of Prices:

Traveling shows:	Per night 3 hours	\$12 00
	Per week 5 days	50 00
Dances lasting until 12:00 p. m. or \$2.00 per hour or fractional part after midnight.		8 00

Section II.

For Dramatic entertainment (Local) with 3 rehearsals of 2 hours each, including the performance	20 00
Entertainment: One night, no rehearsals, 3 hours	6 00
For rehearsals in the evening, per hour	2 00
For daytime rehearsals, per hour	1 00

Section III.		
For all town organizations, for business meetings of 2 hours		2 00
All in excess of above, per hour		2 00
Section IV.		
For all local religious services or meetings when no admission or collections are made		FREE
Section V.		
For all lectures where admission is charged for 2 hours		2 00
Section VI		
For Memorial Day Services and Christmas Exercises, if no admission or collection is made.		FREE
For all indoor games if admission is charged, per hour		\$1 50
Section VII.		
For local active and organized Teen-Age Clubs or groups	FREE	
Not to exceed 2 nights a week, 3 hours a night, and providing no admission is charged, and they are properly chaperoned by responsible persons of 21 years of age, and also sponsored by a local or- ganization.		
It shall be understood that the term "Teen-Age" means any minor up to the age of 21.		
It shall be the duty of the Chaperons to see that the hall is properly cleaned before leaving the hall after a function.		
Section VIII		
For School entertainment, rehearsals, and educa- tional purposes, providing teacher accompanies the children.		FREE
Teacher will be held responsible for all damages done by the children.		
Section IX		
The Fire Department shall have the use of the hall for their Annual Ball, or any function they might desire. One night a year		FREE
For all times not listed in Article II, per hour		\$2 00
Section XI		
Any person or persons gaining access to the building without the consent of the Janitor or Selectmen shall be considered breaking and entering unlaw- fully.		

Section XII.

The Janitor shall have the right to restrict free use of the hall for any infraction of the by-laws, or to any group or individual as he sees fit.

ARTICLE III

Janitor's Salary:

Per day for care of furnace	\$1 50
Per hour for all other service	\$1 00

ARTICLE IV

Section I

These articles may be revised at any time by a majority vote of the committee.

Section II

The above by-laws shall go into effect immediately.

Signed:

WILLIAM L. ALDRICH

ERNEST D. HUTCHINSON

PAUL G. TRAXLER

FREDERICK S. SHELDON

EDWARD E. FRENCH

CHARLES E. LINDSAY

By-Laws Committee

SCHOOL REPORT

BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Organization

School Board

Mr. Charles Lindsay, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Mr. Philip Knowles	Term expires 1959
Mrs. Christine Anderson	Term expires 1960

Treasurer

Mrs. Mary K. Wilson

Clerk

Mrs. Dorine B. Bullock
resigned January 1, 1958

Auditors

Walter Cleary Vincena Powers

Superintendent of Schools

Norman R. Hartfiel

Teachers

Mrs. Ruth Cody, Principal
Mrs. Vincena Powers
Miss Annie D. McMinn
Miss A. Virginia Walsh
Mrs. Isabel Nichols, Music Supervisor

School Nurse

Mrs. Martha Parker, R. N.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Bennington qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 7th day of March, 1958, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other Officers or Agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bennington this 18th day of February, 1958.

CHARLES E. LINDSAY
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
CHRISTINA A. ANDERSON
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES E. LINDSAY
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
CHRISTINA A. ANDERSON
School Board

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BENNINGTON, N. H.
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

NORMAN R. HARTFIELD, Supt.
CHARLES E. LINDSAY
PHILIP E. KNOWLES
CHRISTINE ANDERSON
School Board

**REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957**

Cash on hand July 1, 1956	\$2,089 71
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$29,363 19
Received from State Treasurer:	
Special Milk Fund	99 66
Received from all other Sources	72 61
Total Receipts	\$29,535 46
Total Amount available for fiscal year	31,625 17
Less School Board orders paid	30,346 99
Balance on hand June 30, 1957	\$1,278 18

MARY K. WILSON
July 12, 1957
District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Bennington, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and find them correct in all respects.

WALTER D. CLEARY
VINCENA POWERS

July 12, 1957
Auditors

BENNINGTON PROPOSED BUDGET 1958-59 AND FINANCIAL REPORT 1956-57

EXPENDITURES	Expenditures 1956-57	Budget 1957-58	Proposed Budget 1958-59
ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of district officers	\$435 90	\$470 00	\$470 00
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	480 00	622 50	512 80
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	228 00	220 00	220 00
4. Salaries of other Admin. Personnel	299 85	304 46	335 50
5. Supplies and Expenses	291 82	328 97	222 45
INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' salaries	10,807 04	14,400 00	15,200 00
7. Books and other Inst. aids	280 33	600 00	600 00
8. Scholars' supplies	330 12	600 00	600 00
10. Supplies and other expenses	20 37	50 00	50 00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salaries of custodians	1,507 52	1,500 00	1,600 00
12. Fuel or heat	641 38	700 00	700 00
13. Water, light, supplies and expenses	301 38	300 00	400 00
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14. Repairs and Replacements	567 58	300 00	300 00
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15. Health Supervision	480 32	500 00	500 00
16. Transportation	1,538 50	1,530 00	1,530 00
17. Tuition (H)	11,009 84	12,628 00	10,000 00
18a. School Lunch (Fed. & District Funds)	90 46		
FIXED CHARGES:			
19. Retirement	421 44	1,051 27	1,040 49
20. Ins., Treas. Bonds & Expenses	592 54	250 00	347 32
Total Net Current Expenses	\$30,324 39	\$36,555 20	\$34,628 56
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
23. New Equipment		200 00	200 00
Total Net Expenditures	\$30,324 39	\$36,555 20	\$34,828 56
Balance June 30, 1957	1,278 18		
Total Gross Transactions	\$31,602 57		
RECEIPTS			
	Actual Receipts 1956-57	Budget 1957-58	Proposed Budget 1958-59
Balance July 1, 1956	\$2,089 71		
Special Milk Program (Fed. Funds Only)	99 66		
Per Capita Tax Refund	50 01		
Supervisory Union Refund			102 56
Total Receipts Other Than Taxes	2,239 38		102 56
District Assessments	29,363 19	36,555 20	34,726 00
Total Receipts	\$31,602 57	\$36,555 20	\$34,828 56

SCHOOL DISTRICT
DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS, 1956-1957

Administration

Detail 1. Salaries of District Officers:

Doris M. Parker	\$32 80
Charles E. Lindsay	98 00
Philip E. Knowles	98 00
Mary K. Wilson, Treas.	112 70
J. P. Weston, moderator	5 00
Dorine Bullock, clerk	5 00
Edward French, truant officer	5 00
Addie French, census	10 00
Vincena Powers, auditor	10 00
Walter Cleary, auditor	10 00
Blue Cross	73 20
OASI, Soc. Sec.	8 80
	\$468 50

Detail 2. Superintendent's Salary:

Norman Hartfiel	\$480 00
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Detail 3. Tax for Statewide Supervision:

State Treasurer	\$228 00
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Detail 4. Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel \$567 82

Detail 5. Supplies and Expenses:

N. H. Dept., Public Welfare	\$1 00
Flowers	5 00

INSTRUCTION

Detail 6. Teachers' Salaries:

Ruth Cody	\$2,510 20
Vincena Powers	2,354 80
Annie McMinn	2,403 84
Isabelle Nichols	464 40
	\$7,733 24

Blue Cross	\$36 60
Withholding tax	\$2,155 60
N.E.A.	39 00
Retirement	811 60
Mary K. Wilson, Sub. teacher	36 00
	\$3,078 80

Detail 7. Books and Other Instr. Aids \$280 33

Detail 8. Scholars Supplies \$330 12

Detail 9. Supplies and other expenses \$20 37

Detail 10. Janitor's Salaries:

Frank Chiesa	\$1,468 14
Social Security	39 38
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	\$1,507 52

Detail 11. Fuel:

Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co.	\$641 38
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Detail 12. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses:

Central Paper Products Co., toilet sup.	\$92 85
Frank Chiesa, supplies & labor	6 25
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co., supplies	48 50
J. H. Lindsay Est., supplies	5 08
Pioneer Mfg. Co., janitor's supplies	18 68
Bennington Garage, janitor's supplies	3 45
California Wiping Mat Co., supplies	7 75
Public Service Co., lights	118 83
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	\$301 38

Detail 13. Repairs and Replacements:

Edward Moule, painting basement	\$99 75
William Lindsay, painting basement	70 00
Edmunds Dept. Store, paint & suppl.	110 53
E. H. Edwards & Son, fence repairs	150 00
Hebert Curtis, work on playground	39 00
Edward Moule, painting fence	57 20
Alfred Perry, roof repairs	36 25
Mrs. George Cody, flag repairs	1 50
Frank Chiesa, labor	3 35
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	\$567 58

Detail 14. Health Supervision:

Martha Parker, nurse	\$480 32
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Detail 15. Transportation of Pupils:

J. Herbert Lindsay	\$816 00
J. Herbert Lindsay, Est.	178 50
Arthur Sawyer	544 00
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	\$1,538 50

Detail 16. Tuition:			
Antrim School District		\$150	00
Hillsboro-Deering Co-op. School Dist.		1,384	00
Peterborough School District		9,475	84
			\$11,009 84
Detail 17. Special Milk Fund:			
Hillsboro Dairy			\$78 16
Detail 18. Fixed Charges:			
Teachers' Retirement			\$702 46
Detail 19. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses:			
Hines & Knapton, insurance		\$257	19
Stuart Clark, treas. bond		5	00
Bank charge		1	15
OASI		48	18
			\$311 52
Detail 20. Supplies:			
Caroligan Sport Store, athletic supplies			\$12 30

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

It is a pleasure for me to present my fourth annual report for your consideration.

It was fortunate indeed that the School District at their last annual meeting appropriated sufficient funds to enable the School Board to place an additional teacher into service. Our September enrollment of 1957 increased to 90 as compared with 74 for September 1956.

The enrollments by grades this year are as follows:

Grade 1—16	Grade 5—11
Grade 2—12	Grade 6— 6
Grade 3—11	Grade 7—12
Grade 4—15	Grade 8— 7

The additional teacher has been a big help to the teaching staff in providing an opportunity to more adequately present their material. However, we are still faced with the situation wherein a teacher can devote only one-half of her time to an individual class. Good work, however, can be accomplished under these circumstances by an experienced teacher and we are fortunate to have an experienced staff under the able leadership of Mrs. Ruth Cody. I am pleased with the teachers' efforts to improve the standards of accomplishment of the pupils. These standards must be improved if our graduates are going to compete successfully with their high school classmates, most of whom have already acclimated themselves to the problems connected with departmental organization.

The high school pupils are attending three different high schools this year. Nineteen in Peterborough, four in Antrim and six in Hillsboro. The amount of money needed next year for tuition purposes is considerably lower than was anticipated this year and will be reflected by Bennington being one of the very few communities able to reduce the total school budget.

It has again been a pleasure to work with the School Board, teachers and citizens of Bennington and I wish to express my appreciation to them for their cooperation with me in working for the education of our youth.

Respectfully submitted,
NORMAN R. HARTFIEL
Superintendent of Schools

**Salary of Superintendent of Schools
Supervisory Union No. 24
1956-1957**

A. State's share	.	\$2,500 00
B. Share Paid by:		
1. Antrim		934 00
2. Bennington		480 00
3. Hillsboro-Deering		2,198 00
4. Stoddard		190 00
5. Washington		172 00
6. Windsor		26 00
Total		\$6,500 00

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To Mr. Norman Hartfiel, Superintendent of Schools, School Board, and Parents:

Number of pupils weighed and measured	99
Number of pupils' eyes examined	96
Number of pupils' eyes reported to parents	3
Pediculosis	0
Number of first grade pupils	13

Ears have not been examined since last February as I have not received the audiometer as yet.

I wish to thank the Lions Club, Salvation Army and all the citizens of Bennington who helped to make it possible for Ricky Sudsbury to receive his glasses and get his teeth fixed. It has been a big help.

It is a pleasure to work with Bennington children and I wish to thank the Superintendent, School Board, parents and pupils for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
MARTHA PARKER, R. N.
School Nurse

FIVE-TOWN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Five-town Cooperative School Study Committee respectfully submits its conclusions and recommendations to the School Districts of Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, Greenfield and Haneock, N. H.

These towns constitute a natural geographical, social and economic unit. A centrally located school to serve these communities seems to offer an unusual opportunity to establish a permanent secondary school system in which all would not only share the expense, but more importantly would have a vote in management. The committee, however, considers it unwise for the proposed member towns to initiate petitioning action for the creation of a cooperative school district at the forthcoming district meetings, but it does feel very strongly that the program merits further study and considerations.

The basis for the foregoing statements is as follows:

1. OPERATION: An analysis of conditions and costs made by this committee over the past seven months indicates that a centrally located school, with a high level curriculum approved by the State Department of Education, to serve the projected student population of the five (5) towns for grades 7-12, can be operated at a per pupil cost, including transportation, equal to or less than the state average.

2. SCHOOL PLANT: Based on the recommended curriculum and room requirements to serve adequately a school population of 350 students, a floor plan and cost estimates were drawn up and submitted to the committee by Alfred T. Granger Associates, Architects and Engineers. The committee also selected a promising site in Bennington which is available at a nominal cost. These combined costs, plus interest charges, constitute debt service or building cost. This, in effect, is the "price tag" or added cost that the towns would pay for. It appears to the committee that the present method provided by law for distributing these costs among the towns should be modified in order to arrive at a more favorable apportionment.

3. FINANCE: The accompanying tables show the estimated cost of operation, building, and distribution, based on the present law.

ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING BUDGET

Total Operating Budget

	1st year	3rd year	5th year
	\$106,110 00	\$113,235 00	\$120,875 00

Distribution

Town	%	%	%	%	
Antrim	28.1	\$29,816 91	27.4	\$31,026 39	25.9
Bennington	19.2	20,373 12	19.0	21,514 65	19.3
Francesstown	14.6	15,492 06	15.7	17,777 90	17.0
Greenfield	16.8	17,826 48	17.3	19,589 65	16.1
Hancock	21.3	22,601 43	20.6	23,326 41	21.7
Totals	100.0	\$106,110 00	100.0	\$113,235 00	100.0
					\$120,875 00

ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF DEBT SERVICE

Basis:

Est. total construction loan	\$500,000 00
Est. term	20 years
Est. Interest rate	4%
State aid—basis 5 towns	55%

DISTRIBUTION

	1st year	3rd year	5th year
Principal (net of state aid)	\$11,250 00	\$11,250 00	\$11,250 00
Interest	20,000 00	18,000 00	16,000 00
Total	\$31,250 00	\$29,250 00	\$27,250 00

Distribution among towns Equalized Valuation 1956

Town	%			
Antrim	23.6	\$7,375 00	\$6,903 00	\$6,431 00
Bennington	18.4	5,750 00	5,382 00	5,014 00
Francesstown	16.8	5,250 00	4,914 00	4,578 00
Greenfield	15.7	4,906 25	4,592 25	4,278 25
Hancock	25.5	7,968 75	7,458 75	6,948 75
Total	100.0	\$31,250 00	\$29,250 00	\$27,250 00

Estimated number of Pupils	280	317	352
Average per Pupil	\$111 61	\$92 27	\$77 41

**EST. COST OF OPERATING AND DEBT SERVICE AS
ALLOCATED TO TOWNS TRANSLATED INTO COST PER PUPIL**

1959		Antrim	Bennington	Francestown	Greenfield	Hancock
Debt Service (on equalized valuation)	\$7,375 00	\$5,750 00	\$5,250 00	\$4,906 25	\$7,968 75	
Operating Budget	29,816 91	20,373 12	15,492 06	17,826 48	22,601 43	
Total	\$37,191 91	\$26,123 12	\$20,742 06	\$22,732 73	\$30,570 18	
Estimated No. of Pupils						48
Cost per Pupil:						
Debt Service						
Operating	\$81 04	\$102 67	\$150 00	\$98 12	\$166 02	
	327 65	363 81	442 63	356 53	470 86	
Total	\$408 69	\$466 48	\$592 63	\$454 65	\$636 88	
1961						
Debt Service						
Operating Budget	\$86,908 00	\$5,382 00	\$4,914 00	\$4,592 25	\$7,458 75	
	31,026 39	21,514 65	17,777 90	19,589 65	23,326 41	
Total	\$37,929 39	\$26,896 65	\$22,691 90	\$24,181 90	\$30,785 16	
Estimated No. of Pupils						
Cost per Pupil:						
Debt Service						
Operating	\$69 73	\$86 81	\$106 83	\$76 54	\$149 17	
	313 40	347 01	386 47	326 50	466 53	
Total	\$383 13	\$433 82	\$493 30	\$403 04	\$615 70	
1963						
Debt Service						
Operating Budget	\$6,431 00	\$5,014 00	\$4,578 00	\$4,278 25	\$6,948 75	
	31,306 63	23,328 87	20,548 75	19,460 88	26,229 87	
Total	\$37,737 63	\$28,342 87	\$25,126 75	\$23,739 13	\$33,178 62	
Estimated No. of Pupils						
Cost per Pupil:						
Debt Service						
Operating	\$64 96	\$70 62	\$75 05	\$73 76	\$110 30	
	316 23	328 57	336 86	335 53	416 35	
Total	\$381 19	\$399 19	\$411 91	\$409 29	\$526 55	

The committee recommends that the towns at their forthcoming school district meetings appoint three members to serve jointly with three members from each of the other four (4) towns to function as a Committee to:

- a. Give further study to the overall problem.
- b. Observe changes in trends and conditions.
- c. Investigate and promote more favorable legislation relevant to the basis of allocating costs among these five towns.
- d. Report their findings no later than the next school district meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Five-Town Cooperative School Study Committee

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1957

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1957											
Jan. 19	Concord	Brian J. McInnis	M	L	Donald J. McInnis	Grace O. Wood	W	Bennington	Paper Mill	Bennington	Henniker
Jan. 22	Peterboro	Murray B. Smith	M	L	Winder D. Smith	Mildred M. Heintz	W	Bennington	Adm. Twin St.	Atlantic City, N. J.	Manhattan, N. Y.
April 17	Peterboro	Michael E. Grimes	M	L	Harold W. Grimes	Joan H. Humenki	W	Bennington	Warehouseman	Hillsboro	Ashley, Pa.
May 3	Peterboro	Cheryl A. Hamel	F	L	Earl S. Hamel	Dorothy E. Gray	W	Bennington	U.S. Navy	Lowell, Mass.	Yarmouth, Me.
Oct. 1	Peterboro	Dana L. Dorr	M	L	Harry L. Dorr	Caroline Strickland	W	Bennington	Mechanic	Greenfield	Grazaere
Oct. 18	Peterboro	Katina Bevelas	F	L	Andrew L. Bayudas	Calipe Drimis	W	Bennington	Supt. Paper Mill	Chiopee, Mass.	Nashua
Nov. 24	Peterboro	Richard A. Bennett	M	L	Norman A. French	Barbara A. French	W	Bennington	Carpenter	Hillsboro	Nashua

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered In the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1957

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Occupation	Name of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1957 February 2 Bennington	Ronald John Teixeira Loretta Jean Sullivan	Hillsboro Bennington	23 Student 23 Dept. Clerk	Manuel Teixeira Mary Rodrigues Unknown	Rev. Thomas Mason Catholic Priest Bennington
July 6 Hancock	Herbert Stanley Wilson Jane Marie Wing	Bennington Hillsboro	19 U. S. A. F. 20 Gates, Inc.	Helena Subiria Herb E. Wilson Evelyn C. Wilson Charles Wing Leona Wing	Rev. Thomas Billings Congregational Minister Hancock
July 13 Peterborough	Douglas W. Clark Isabella M. Loomis	Francetown Bennington	23 Marines 18 At home.	Fred D. Clark Dollie E. Matthews Melvin Loomis Sr. Ruth H. Coleman Joseph A. Finey Edith L. Collins	Rev. Thomas Billings Congregational Minister Hancock
August 30 Peterborough	Bernard S. Pinney Helen L. Kereazis	Dublin Bennington	25 Carpenter 24 Clerical	William Kereazis Alice Kingainis	Rev. Lyman Rutledge Minister Dublin
December 7 Bennington	Joseph A. LeBlanc Jr. Shirley E. Gilbert	Bennington Greenfield	24 Construction 24 Airlines	Joseph LeBlanc Sr. Phedris Gaisski Walter E. Gilbert Dorothy E. Mercer	Rev. Leo St. Pierre Catholic Priest Bennington
December 22 Bennington	Bruce Hutchinson Sharon Faye Paton	Bennington San Pedro, Calif.	24 Student 21 Clerical	Ernest Hutchinson Atheldeah Edwards Eugene H. Paton Resse Townsend	Rev. Thomas Billings Congregational Minister Hancock

Don A. POWERS, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1957

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Place of Birth	Condition at Death	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1957							
Jan. 16	Peterborough	Mary Annie Call	72 Hancock	F	W. Housewife	Fred A. Whitney	Mary Ellen Shea
	1 Nashua	Anne Laurie Stevens	96 Deering	F	W. Housewife	William A. Phelps	Frances M. Ross
Feb. 6	Peterborough	John Herbert Lindsay	71 Hancock	M	M Merchant	Edward D. Woods	Annie L. Putnam
Mar. 21	Bennington	Catherine Bachelder	68 Haverhill, Mass.	P	W At home	Charles E. Boone	Lillian M. Young
April 14	Peterborough	Michael J. Carroll	80 Ireland	M	W Fireman	Unable to learn	Unable to learn
April 19	Keene	Arthur William Harrison	56 Boston, Mass.	M	W Paper Mill	(Unknown)	Mary Harrison
May 27	Bennington	Arthur Joseph Provencher	47 Canada	M	M Painter	George Provencher	Arlie Belbeau
July 27	Peterborough	Almon Marcellus Flagg	79 Winchendon, Mass.	M	M Carpenter	William Flagg	Unknown

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk

